Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 27 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021 at 02:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold conditions to dominate through the period. Lower confidence for the northwards extent of snow, especially on Thursday.

Headline for Tuesday 26 Jan 2021: Cold with hazy sunshine. Some patchy snow across the south later.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Light snow	Heavy snow	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	40%	40%	30%	30%

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Weather: A cold and bright start, although some freezing fog in the glens will be slow to clear. Sunshine turning hazy through the day ahead of some patchy snowfall affecting the southern ranges, most likely south of Torridon. Skies remaining more reliably clear in the north.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%, falling 40% south of Torridon through afternoon.

Visibility: No issues through morning away from glen-level fog. Areas of cloud developing above 500m across the south in association with snowfall from mid to late afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	16/19 E	18/23 E	18/24 SE	17/23 E	20/29 E	19/26 E	15/21 E
900	16/19 E	18/23 E	19/25 SE	17/23 E	21/30 E	20/27 E	16/22 E
600	14/18 SE	16/22 E	16/23 SE	14/21 E	17/26 E	15/24 E	12/18 E
300	10/16 E	10/18 E	9/18 E	11/18 E	10/21 E	11/20 E	9/17 E
Glen	14/18 E	15/21 E	12/17 E	13/19 E	16/24 E	15/23 E	11/17 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-11	-5/-12	-4/-12	-4/-11	-5/-12	-4/-12	-4/-11
900	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-11	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-11	-4/-10
600	-2/-7	-2/-8	-1/-7	-1/-7	-2/-8	-1/-7	-2/-7
300	-3/-8	-3/-8	-1/-5	-0/-5	-1/-5	-1/-6	-1/-6
Glen	1/-4	1/-4	2/-2	2/-2	2/-3	2/-3	2/-3
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	100m	200m	200m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Bitterly cold with freezing levels towards Glen level. Sunshine giving some glare off the snowfields, especially though morning. Be aware of deteriorating conditions in the south.

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Jan 2021

Weather: A cloudy start across Easter Ross and ranges towards the Great Glen, perhaps with some patchy and light snowfall. Clear conditions in the north and along the West Coast will spread southwards through the day.

Maximum wind: East 10-20mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% southeast through morning, otherwise 90%.

Visibility: No issues at low levels and at all levels along the West Coast and the north. In the southeast, areas of cloud above around 600-800m and some snow flurries will limit visibility to a kilometre or so at times through morning.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 to minus 6, rising towards zero through daylight hours.
At 800m: Minus 7.
Freezing level: 100-200m.

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